

TELLS OF DISASTER

TITANIC'S FIFTH OFFICER ON STAND TELLS STRAIGHT-FORWARD STORY.

ACTED THE MAN THROUGHOUT

Witness' Story Shows He Took Charge of a Flotilla of Small Craft Which Eventually Were Picked Up Without Loss of Life.

Washington, D. C.—Harold G. Lowe, fifth officer of the sunken Titanic, told the senate investigating committee his part in the struggle of the survivors for life following the catastrophe. His testimony developed that with a volunteer crew he rescued four men from the water, saved a sinking collapsible lifeboat by towing it astern of his and took off 20 men and one woman from the bottom of an overturned boat. Every one of those under his charge he landed safely on the Carpathia.

From first to last Lowe's story showed that he played the man. Ordered away in charge of lifeboat No. 14, he packed it to its capacity on the top deck, and fearing that someone might attempt to jump into it while it was descending kept up a fusillade from his revolver. Once afloat he took charge of a flotilla of small craft which eventually were picked up by the rescue ship without the loss of a life.

Mount Temple Plays a Part.

Competing in interest with the day's testimony was the interchange of telegrams between Senator William Alden Smith, chairman, and the acting premier of Canada, George E. Foster. The latter told of the docking of the steamer Mount Temple at St. Johns, N. B., with a passenger aboard who claimed to have seen the Titanic sink. It was believed the Mount Temple was the ship that was only five miles from the White Star liner when she took her final plunge.

Senator Smith has requested that the depositions of the officers and the crew of the Mount Temple be sent to him. In addition he accepted the offer of Dr. E. C. Quitzman of Toronto to appear before the committee. Dr. Quitzman was one of the passengers who said they saw the Titanic sink.

Officer Lowe Testifies.

"You were present at the test of the Titanic in Belfast harbor?" asked Senator Smith.

"Yes, sir."

"What did you do?"

"I looked to the lifeboats. With Mr. Moody and Mr. Boxhall I looked over the lifeboats, examined them carefully and found everything in them except that in one a dipper was missing."

As to the collapsible boats, Lowe said, he could not remember precisely what was found.

"We did find there were plenty of oars, with extra oars for each boat."

The witness said that while it had been planned to hold a lifeboat drill April 1, it was postponed because there was a breeze. In fact, the witness said, it was almost "squally."

Lowe said that when he got out on deck after the accident he began working at the lifeboats.

"I was working at the boats under First Officer Murdoch," he continued. "Boat No. 5 was the first one we lowered."

"How many officers were helping you on that boat?"

"I should say about ten, two at each end, two in the boat and others at the ropes."

"Who got in that boat?"

Ordered Ismay Away.

"I don't know. Had not someone said so I would not have known that I ordered Mr. Ismay away from the boat. A steward met me on the Carpathia. He said to me, 'What did you say to Ismay that night on the deck?'"

I said that I did not know that I had said anything to Mr. Ismay. I said I did not know Mr. Ismay. I did not know him. Well, the steward on the Carpathia said I had used some very strong language to Mr. Ismay.

"Shall I repeat it?" asked Lowe. "If you want me to I will—if not, I won't."

"I happened to talk to Ismay because he appeared to be getting excited. He was saying excitedly, 'Lower away, lower away, lower away.'"

At this juncture Chairman Smith asked Mr. Ismay about the language, and Mr. Ismay suggested that the objectionable language be written down to see if it was appropriate. This was done. After Chairman Smith had read what Lowe had written he said:

"Then you said this to Mr. Ismay," not mentioning the objectionable word, but showing it to the witness. "Why did you say it?"

"Because he, in his anxiety to get the boat lowered," Lowe replied, "was interfering with our work."

"If any persons had asked you to take them in you would?"

"Certainly, I was watching for everybody, anybody," said Lowe; "but to have gone into the drowning mass would have been useless. All would have been lost."

"How many persons were aboard when you went alongside the Carpathia?"

"About 45. I took them off a sinking collapsible boat. I left the bodies of three men."

Were Standing in Water.

Twenty-one, Lowe said, were up to their ankles in water and would have

sunk in three minutes. He made no effort to fix the identity of the dead, for he said he was there not to save bodies, but to save life.

Then he sailed for the Carpathia and unloaded his boat.

"What did you do then?" asked Senator Smith.

"Nothing, sir," returned the witness sharply. "What was there left to do?"

Senator Smith wanted to know about the shooting on the Titanic while she was sinking. Lowe said he had fired three shots into the water to scare away some immigrants on one of the decks who he feared were about to swamp a loaded boat by jumping. He was certain the shots struck no one. Lowe was then temporarily excused.

Lightoller a Witness.

C. H. Lightoller, second officer of the Titanic, took the stand immediately after the recess. Senator Bourne inquired if the water tight doors were arranged to protect the vital parts of the ship. The witness said he believed not.

Lightoller said he could not testify as to the value of searchlights in finding icebergs, though he thought one "might help."

The White Star was the only line of which he knew that kept six lookouts on each ship.

Senator Burton asked the witness to relate his conversation with Ismay on the Carpathia. Lightoller said he and his brother officers talked over the sailing of the Cedric and had agreed it would have been a "jolly good idea" if they could catch the vessel. It would result in keeping the men together and let everyone get home.

"Mr. Ismay, when the weather thickened, remarked to me," said Lightoller, "that it was hardly possible we could catch the boat. He asked me if I thought it desirable that he send a wireless to hold the Cedric, and I said, 'Most certainly.' The telegram was sent. We were all agreed that it was the best course and we all advised it."

Lightoller declared that when the telegram came back from New York saying the Cedric would not be held, he urged Mr. Ismay to insist upon the Cedric being held.

Ismay Became Depressed.

"I will say at that time Mr. Ismay was in no mental condition to transact business," said Lightoller. "He seemed to be possessed with the idea that he ought to have gone down with the ship because there were women who went down. I tried my best to get that idea out of his mind, but could not. I told him there was more for him to do on earth and that he should not let the idea possess him that he had done a wrong in not staying back to drown."

"The doctor on the Carpathia had trouble with Mr. Ismay on the same grounds and I am sure the doctor will verify my statements."

"I was told on the Carpathia that Chief Officer Wild, who was working at the forward collapsible boat, told Mr. Ismay there were no more women to go. Ismay still stood back and Wild, who was a powerful man, bundled him into the collapsible boat."

"Who told you this powerful officer, Mr. Wild, ordered Mr. Ismay into the boat?"

"I don't know."

Senator Smith said that in previous testimony the witness declared he had not spoken to Mr. Ismay. This Lightoller denied.

Robert Hitchens Called.

Robert Hitchens, quartermaster in charge of the lifeboat which took off Maj. Peuchen and others, next took the witness chair, and testified that when the collision occurred he was at the Titanic's wheel. He said the officers had been warned to look out for small icebergs and that he had been ordered to have the heaters started in the chart room. The first he knew of the collision was when the order came down from the bridge, "Berg ahead."

"The first officer rushed over to give the order 'Hard a starboard,' and the second officer returned, 'Helm hard over, sir,' but by that time we were in to the berg. We could hear the briding of it. The skipper, Capt. Smith, came rushing out asking what was the matter, and immediately ordered Mr. Murdoch to close the emergency doors. The ship had a list of 5 degrees to the starboard within five minutes. I stayed at the wheel until 12:23."

"About that time one of the officers said, 'We'll get out the boats,' and I was put in charge of No. 6, and ordered to put away toward a distant light. I had 38 women, one seaman, myself, an Italian lad and the major. I told them we would have to pull away from the ship, as she was going down by the head. Everybody had to row, and I even asked the women. We started for the light, which we expected was on a cod banker. There were several other boats around. One that had four or six men came up and I borrowed one man from it. We never got any nearer the light. Then we tied our boats together and stayed there until we saw the Carpathia coming. The sea was getting choppy and the women were getting nervous. I relieved one at an oar and told her to take the tiller. A Mrs. Meyer got mad at me and accused me of wrapping myself in all the blankets, drinking all the whisky and using bad language, which I deny. I saw the women taken on the Carpathia and was the last to leave my boat."

Lenies Peuchen's Charge.

Senator Smith wanted to know if Hitchens had any trouble in the boat with Maj. Peuchen. He replied the major had tried to take command.

It had been testified that Hitchens had refused to go back and pick up other survivors. None of the women

in the boat had asked him to go back, he said.

"Maj. Peuchen said yesterday that when you were asked to go back after some who were drowning you replied you 'weren't' going back there after those stiff."

"Yes; I saw that in the newspapers this morning. It's a lie, sir. I never used that word since I was born."

"You want the committee to understand you did not refuse to go to the rescue of those in the water?"

"I could not under the conditions. I was a mile away from the cries we heard and we had no compass. I instructed the men to row away from the Titanic when it was sinking because I was afraid of the suction. Before she sank we were all pulling for that light. The ship was still afloat when we stopped and the light disappeared about fifteen minutes later. After it disappeared we heard cries of distress. Some of the women said they were cries of people in one boat signaling another."

ENGLAND WATCHING INQUIRY.

Senatorial Court Discussed in House of Commons.

London.—Renewed interest in the American senate's inquiry into the loss of the Titanic and the status of the senatorial court was evinced by several members of the house of commons and many questions were asked of Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary undersecretary for foreign affairs.

Alexander MacCallum Scott, a Scottish member, said:

"Are you aware that those called before the senate committee are not receiving fair and honorable treatment? Will you take steps to secure fair and honorable treatment for British subjects?"

Mr. Acland replied: "No such complaint has been received by us. Surely in this matter we must trust, as I think we are right in doing, to the good sense of the American people, and we do not desire to interfere without absolute necessity."

Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, announced that the number of women and children who had perished in the Titanic catastrophe was 156.

WHY HE USED THE BAD WORD.

Little Matt Explained That the Two Pigs He Was Driving Got His Goat.

Matt Perkins, engine driver on the New York Central, thought his little farm, out near Peekskill, wouldn't be complete without pigs. So he bought a couple and had them sent out, much to the dismay of Willie, his oldest boy, who tearfully protested that the family would be disgraced if their acquaintances found they kept pigs.

But the father was obdurate, and assigned to Matt, Jr., his 6-year-old and youngest hopeful, the task of caring for the pigs. This has proved a hard task, and little Matt has been having his troubles during the hot weather.

One day the pigs, being pigs, roamed far afield. Mattie, rounding them up, drove them past the veranda, where his mother happened to be. Mattie was talking to the pigs in no uncertain terms, and it must be confessed he used a word which he really should not. Where he got it no one knows.

The mother promptly called him to task, and Mattie, having penned in the pigs, returned, hot and red of face, to the veranda.

"Mattie," said his mother, sternly, "I shall have to punish you. I heard you say a naughty word."

"Well, I guess I did," was the lad's penitent rejoinder, "but you see, mamma, them pigs jest got my goat!"—New York Herald.

Easing a Cough.

For children who have passed the baby stage, linseed tea is the best thing known to ease a cough. Pour two quarts of boiling water on one ounce of whole linseed and twelve drachms of licorice root sliced. Add to this a slice or two of lemon. Let this stand in a jug covered over for six or seven hours, then strain it and sweeten to taste and it will be ready for use.

A Great Grace.

It is no great matter to associate with the good and gentle, for this is naturally pleasing to all and everyone willingly enjoyeth peace and loveth those best that agree with him. But to be able to live peacefully with hard and perverse persons, or with the disorderly, or with such as go contrary to us, is a great grace, an most commendable and manly thing.—Thomas a Kempis.

Only a Cow Coroner.

They were discussing a United States senator who had been a railroad attorney before he became a statesman and who, many thought, had not given up his job when he assumed his toga. "It's all rot!" said a man who knows the senator. "He never was a railroad attorney except to go out and try damage cases. Why, all that man ever was was a cow coroner!"

Modern Teachers Criticized.

Our educators are owl-wise, our teachers are pedants and all their ambition is the turning out of smooth, well-polished philistines. It is certainly unfortunate that the favored type of superintendent of our public education should be such a hopeless philistine, possessed of all the conceit of the mediocre business man. Routine is his ideal. Originality is suppressed.—Dr. Boris Sidis.

STATE TAKES HAND IN FIGHT

New Jersey Leads in Advanced Legislation Designed to Check Spread of Tuberculosis.

What is designated by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis as the most advanced legislation in the campaign against tuberculosis that has been enacted by any state in the United States, if not by any country in the world, is found in a bill recently passed by the New Jersey legislature and signed by Governor Wilson.

The new law provides that tuberculosis patients who refuse to obey the regulations laid down by the state board of health concerning the prevention of their disease, and thus become a menace to the health of those with whom they associate shall be compulsorily segregated by order of the courts, in institutions provided for this purpose.

If such a patient refuses to obey the rules and regulations of the institution in which he is placed, he may "be isolated or separated from other persons and restrained from leaving the institution." The law further provides that all counties in the state of New Jersey shall within six months from April 1st make provision in special institutions for the care of all persons having tuberculosis in these counties. The state treasurer will subsidize each county to the extent of \$3.00 a week for each person maintained in these institutions, except those who are able to pay for the cost of maintenance.

BABY'S TERRIBLE SUFFERING

"When my baby was six months old, his body was completely covered with large sores that seemed to itch and burn, and cause terrible suffering. The eruption began in pimples which would open and run, making large sores. His hair came out and finger nails fell off, and the sores were over the entire body, causing little or no sleep for baby or myself. Great scabs would come off when I removed his shirt."

"We tried a great many remedies, but nothing would help him, till a friend induced me to try the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment but a short time before I could see that he was improving, and in six weeks' time he was entirely cured. He had suffered about six weeks before we tried the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, although we had tried several other things, and doctors, too. I think the Cuticura Remedies will do all that is claimed for them, and a great deal more."

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Time Flies.

When the blind woman who plays the accordion saw the genial looking man stop to read her placard, she quickened her tune in the expectation that he was going to give her some money, but he gave advice instead.

Said he: "Have you read that sign of yours lately?"

She said she had not.

"Well," said he, "you'd better, and then have it edited. It is dated six years ago and says you have six small children dependent upon your efforts with this instrument for support. Six years works wonders in children, and they must be pretty lusty youngsters by this time. Change that date to 1912."

Explained.

"The count has a painfully snobbish air. What does he base it on?"

"Why, his father, the marquis, was the victim of a duel."

"A French duel?"

"Yes."

"Impossible!"

"Not at all. The marquis climbed a tree to get out of the way, and fell and broke his neck."

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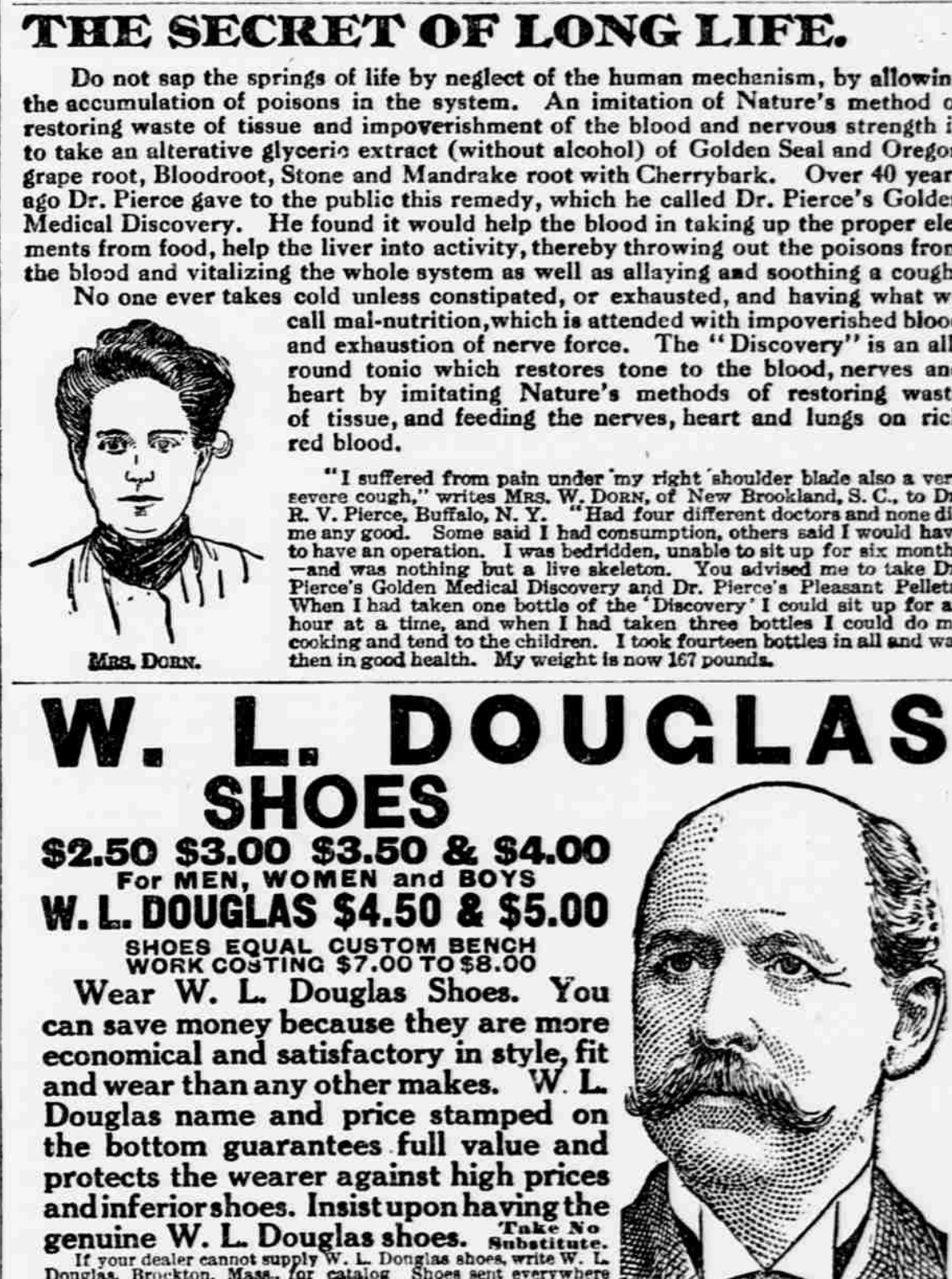
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